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SITUATION REPORT

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FILE NAME: Project HENDON

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Event: Freedom Convoy/BearHug 2.0

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The information in this report is current to 2022-02-05 at 1230 hours.

Owing to the current social protest landscape this Situation Report is organized into three main sections, each with specific information relevant to **Ottawa, Toronto, and Ontario.**

PREFACE: *The format of this Situation Report delineates between police information and information gathered through open sources. Media and social media information has been incorporated in this report towards developing all-source intelligence in support of providing greater context, and which may identify indicators, ideologies, and attitudes that could motivate subjects of interest and influence their behaviours.*

OTTAWA: POLICE INFORMATION & OBSERVATIONS

Items in this section are presented in order of seriousness of the potential threat:

The OPP continues to be engaged in this initiative with resources on the ground providing real-time updates and observations to the National Capital Region Command Centre – Combined Intelligence Group as events unfold.

- The Ottawa Police Service (OPS) reports that a group of tractors arrived today at approximately 0500 hours, parked facing the wrong way on a street and are refusing police requests to move.
- OPS further advises that convoy traffic in the downtown area is increasing, but that the mood is party-like.
- The OPS also advises that they will be employing a strategy of "zero tolerance" regarding any acts of mischief or other criminal activity.
- Police received information that [REDACTED] may be planning to bomb parliament using the tunnel system. The Ottawa Police Service is investigating.

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OTTAWA: OPEN SOURCE INFORMATION (Media and Social Media)

Items in this section are presented in order of seriousness of the potential threat:

- Media reporting indicates that GoFundMe has removed the fundraising campaign from its platform and will not distribute any further funds to Freedom Convoy organizers. The company reportedly determined that the fundraiser violated GoFundMe's terms of service that prohibit harassment and the promotion of violence. Initially, GoFundMe stated that donors could request a refund by 2022-02-19, after which the remaining funds would be distributed to credible charities as verified by GoFundMe. The company has since stated that it would automatically refund all donations.
- A group of Ottawa residents have launched a \$9.8M class-action lawsuit against protest organizers. An emergency order is also being sought to prohibit the use of truck horns downtown.
- Media reporting indicates that a group of Ottawa residents has launched a \$9.8M class-action lawsuit against the blockade organizers [REDACTED], and leaves open the opportunity to name up to 60 additional individuals.
- Freedom Convoy organizers have established another fundraiser on GiveSendGo. As of 2022-02-05 at 0620 hours it had raised almost \$620,000. Social media messaging at 1123 hours indicated that \$1.1M had been raised: we have not yet been able to confirm this information. GiveSendGo is the same platform hosting the ADOPT A TRUCKER fundraiser, which has amassed over \$200,000.

An online statement indicates that GiveSendGo will forward payments directly to a fuel supplier for the convoy.

A social media user shared a message, allegedly from GiveSendGo in response to a request to stop funding the convoy, that implies that the government is engaging in domestic terrorism for attempting to restrict free speech and mandating vaccines.

The Terms of Service for GiveSendGo stipulate that it can delete any fundraising campaign if it is used for any illegal purpose. Prohibited activities include those that violate any laws or regulations related to items that encourage, promote, or facilitate illegal activities; that promote hate or violence; or that are obscene.

- The blockade's Daily Event and Safety Report for 2022-02-05 states that the Ottawa Police Chief, operating under the orders of Prime Minister TRUDEAU and the Mayor of Ottawa, made a number of false accusations against the convoy. The report alleged that these individuals conspired with GoFundMe in order to cancel the convoy's GoFundMe fundraiser. The report further claims that as a result of the new fundraising agreement with GiveSendGo, more funds will be raised more quickly than were raised in the original GoFundMe campaign.

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- Social media indicates that [REDACTED] is still in Ottawa and intends to remain indefinitely. Additionally, her social media messaging claims that she has sent a team to purchase equipment to prepare for martial law.
- Social media messaging indicates that convoy supporters in Ottawa are attending local businesses without wearing masks as required. In one business, they allegedly verbally abused the staff and then delivered a “cease and desist” order from “Queen” [REDACTED].
- Open source research has identified the website “convoytraitors.ca” which aims to identify and publicly shame any businesses that are supporting the Ottawa blockade. The mission statement asks anyone who wants to submit a photograph of any business, hotel or restaurant that is supporting the blockade by email to convoy.traitors@gmail.com. In order for the photograph to be used, the name of the business must be clearly legible. The logo for the website depicts a person placing a swastika in a garbage can.

The identity of the operators of this website is unknown. OPP Open Source is following up.

Analytical Comment: *The impact, if any, of the cancellation of the GoFundMe campaign on the convoy’s ability to continue the blockade is unknown. GoFundMe’s reimbursement of donations raises the possibility that some donors will simply return the funds to the Freedom Convoy through another donation platform. The amount raised on the new GiveSendGo campaign since GoFundMe cancelled the convoy fundraiser suggests that GiveSendGo will be the preferred platform for ongoing donations. It also indicates that the blockade continues to receive substantial financial support.*

It is possible that, in the long term, the class action lawsuit may be more effective against the blockade than the cancellation of the GoFundMe campaign.

It is unknown if the alleged response from GiveSendGo represents the philosophy of the company. However, if the company views the blockade as justified, then it is unlikely that it will de-platform either the Freedom Convoy 2022 or the Adopt A Trucker fundraising campaign.

The statements in the convoy’s daily report regarding the cancellation of the GoFundMe campaign are indicative of a conspiratorial mindset on the part of protest organizers or participants that is likely to influence their behaviour and attitude toward the authorities. As occurred last weekend, police presence and activities are likely to be filmed.

Romana DIDULO’s intentions are unknown. However, her burning the Canadian flag on 2022-02-03 was not well received by some individuals participating at the ongoing blockade. Others who appear to be at the blockade have issued social media messaging about her that is negative in nature. In the event that

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she should attend the blockade over the weekend, her presence could result in conflict with others on site.

The public exposure of businesses that are providing logistical support (accommodations, meals, etc.) to blockade organizers or participants could result in these businesses being targeted for protest or direct action by counter-protestors or other groups or individuals opposed to the blockade. This could result in increased calls for service and further strain local police resources.

TORONTO: POLICE INFORMATION & OBSERVATIONS

- OPP members are assisting the Toronto Police Service at traffic points in the downtown core and at other locations across the Greater Toronto Area (GTA).
- The Toronto Police Service (TPS) has advised that most vehicles at Queens Park appear to be personal motor vehicles rather than commercial trucks. The atmosphere is mainly friendly.

TORONTO: OPEN SOURCE INFORMATION (Media and Social Media)

- Social media messaging is encouraging protestors to attend City Hall if Queens Park is blocked off.

Ontario: POLICE INFORMATION & OBSERVATIONS

- [REDACTED] is advising people to stage occupations of their own communities if they are unable to get into Ottawa.

Ontario: OPEN SOURCE INFORMATION (Media and Social Media)

- Nothing of note.

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Other

- **Protestors Struck by Vehicle (Winnipeg):** Media reporting indicates that four people attending a protest by truck drivers at the Manitoba legislature were run over by a passenger vehicle attempting to get past the protest on 2022-02-04. The driver has been arrested. Images from this incident are circulating widely on social media.

ASSESSMENT

Project HENDON has not identified any concrete, specific, or credible threat with regard to the Freedom Convoy protest, Operation BearHug 2.0., or local solidarity protests. However, a lone actor or group of individuals could enact a threat with little or no warning.

TACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

Police reporting indicates that counter-protestors may be planning to throw frozen bottles of water at truck convoys.

Other tactical considerations that may be derived from events in Ottawa could include protestors disabling their vehicles; constructing shelters; building fires; or ramming police vehicles or other barricades.

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ANTICIPATED EVENT SCHEDULE – Support Convoys or Demonstrations

This list is derived from information provided by the OPP and its partners. Many of these events have been identified through social media.

The overall situation is fluid: these events may change and spontaneous events may occur without warning.

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QUEEN'S PARK PROTEST

- **Toronto: Convoy Protest (Ending at Queens Park)** – meeting points at 1000 hours as follows:
 - Orangeville – 95 First Street;
 - Vaughan Mills;
 - Scarborough Town Centre;
 - Yorkdale Mall;
 - Sherway Gardens;
 - Square One;
 - Oakville – Tim Hortons, Hyde Park Gate, HWY 403 and Dundas;
 - Niagara Falls – 300 Taylor Rd. (meeting early at 0900 hours)

VEHICLES FROM BARRIE AND BRADFORD MAY JOIN THE CONVOY AT VAUGHAN MILLS

- **Ottawa: Freedom Dance Party** – Parliament Hill (1200 -1500 hours)(Destination Queens Park)
- **Ottawa (Parliament Hill): Second Wave 2022** - Human Chain Around Parliament Hill (1400 hours)
- **Ottawa: Counter-Protest – 474 Elgin Street (1200 hours) to City Hall (1400 hours -1700 hours)**
- **Prescott Russell: Support aux Truckers sur la Colline du Parlement** – Departing Embrun (1000 hours) en route to Ottawa
- **Alexandria: No More Lockdowns Farmer Convoy to Ottawa 2.0 East Route** – Alexandria (0600 hours) to Monkland; Lemieux; Bourget; Cheney; Ottawa
- **Morewood: No More Lockdowns Farmer Convoy to Ottawa 2.0 South Route** (0945 hours)
- **Antrim: No More Lockdowns Farmer Convoy to Ottawa 2.0 North West Route** (0930 hours)
- **Kingston/Ottawa: Back to Ottawa Convoy** – HWY 38 Carpool (HWY 401 and Gardiners Rd.) (0830 hours); stopping at Mallorytown (0915 hours)
- **Sudbury: Slow Roll** (local) – possibly 100 cars
- **Oshawa: Oshawa to Toronto Freedom Convoy 2022** – 555 Simcoe Street (1100 hours) destination Toronto

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- **Oshawa: Rise Up Durham** will be meeting at 555 Simcoe St S at 1000 hours and travelling to the protest in Toronto – no indication of numbers yet. Rise Up Durham is encouraging its members not to block hospitals – potential for conflict with STOP THE TRUCKER CONVOY protestors (below)
- **Toronto: Stop the Trucker Convoy From Blocking Tkaronto Hospitals – University and Gerrard (1130 hours)**
- **Windsor: Freedom Convoy Peaceful Slowdown on Huron Line** – Mic Mac Park (1000 hours)
- **Windsor: Win City Detroit Freedom Convoy** – Ambassador Bridge (1200 hours)
- **Waterloo: True North Strong and Free** – Town Square – convoy or on foot (1200 hours)
- **Oakville: Freedom Convoy to Queens Park**
- **Burlington: car crawl** through downtown to City Hall from the Burlington Mall, 777 Guelph Line
- **London: Freedom Convoy Support** – meet at McDonald's parking lot across Costco on Wellington
- **Cambridge: Occupy Hespeler Rd** – office of MP Brian MAY, 534 Hespeler Rd. (1100 hours)
- **Guelph: no formal convoy; 10-12 people possibly going to Ottawa**
- **Niagara: 30 people indicating an interest in attending a gathering at outlet mall; possible slow roll to Grimsby at 1300 hours**
- **Welland: Freedom Protest at City Hall, 25 people indicating interest**
- **Barrie: local slow roll possibly involving 900-1000 people or vehicles**

- **Norfolk County: Tractor Convoy (four routes) – Destination Simcoe – est. 100 vehicles**
 - Route A:
 - **Dunnville** (1000 hours) through Selkirk, Fisherville, Nelles Corners to Cayuga (1130 hours)
 - Route B:
 - **Cayuga** (1200 hours) through Jarvis to Simcoe (1300 hours)
 - Route C:
 - **Langton** (1000 hours) to Port Rowan ending in Simcoe (1200 hours)
 - Route D:
 - **Tillsonburg** (1000 hours) through Delhi and Waterford to Simcoe (1200 hours)

- **Goderich-Huron County: Slow Roll Supporting Our Ottawa Convoy** – MacEwan St. (1200 hours)
- **Alexandria: Farmer Convoy to Ottawa 2.0 (East Route)** – Depart Alexandria (0600 hours), to Monkland, Lemieux, Bourget, Cheney to Ottawa (Parliament Hill)
- **Franktown: Farmer Convoy to Ottawa 2.0 (West Route)** – Depart Franktown 0815 hours through Smiths Falls to Ottawa (Parliament Hill)

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- **Oshawa: Oshawa to Toronto Freedom Convoy 2022** – 555 Simcoe Street (1100 hours) destination Toronto
- **Cornwall: Cornwall Convoy 2022** – destination not noted (1000 hours)
- **Cochrane:** Convoy through Cochrane (1100 hours)
- **Minden: Slow Roll Convoy** - Minden; Haliburton; Carnarvon-Minden starts 1100 hours
- **Hamilton: Convoy** – (no further detail – some participants possibly travelling to Ottawa and Queens Park)
- **North Bay: Convoy Support Group** – local convoy (1430 hours)
- **Sudbury: Convoy to Ottawa** – details to be confirmed
- **Timmins:** Timmins Convoy – unconfirmed information about convoy from Timmins joining Sudbury
- **Espanola:** Espanola Freedom Convoy
- **Kincardine:** Convoy to Wingham (1200 hours)
- **Hanover-Walkerton: Freedom Convoy** driving circular local loop (1800 hours)

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- **Calgary-Ottawa: Freedom's Second Wave** – Departing 1000 hours, 11511 40 St SE, Calgary; travel through Regina; Winnipeg; Thunder Bay; Sault Ste. Marie; Ottawa
- **Waterloo: True North Strong and Free** – Town Square – convoy or on foot (1200 hours)
- **Huntsville:** Anti-PHO Protest - Huntsville Place Mall to Doe Lake return (1100 hours)
- **Hearst: Hearst Convoy Support Rally** – (1300 hours – no further detail)
- **Bracebridge:** Anti-PHO protest – Memorial Park, joined by Huntsville Convoy (1400 hours)
- **Echo Bay: Horse Convoy** – horses and riders local route in support of the Freedom Convoy (1400 hours)
- **Hanover-Walkerton: Freedom Convoy** driving circular local loop (1800 hours)
- **Bolton:** United We Stand – local demonstration (1300 hours)
- **Sarnia: Tractor Convoy** – Depart Wyoming (1000 hours) to HWY 402, park on the highway for 1 hour; over 100 tractors
- **North Bay: Convoy** – Pinewood Park (1430 hours)
- **Lambton: Convoy** - Reeves Corner Truck Stop (1000 hours) – expecting 200-300 vehicles and 50 farm tractors. Route through London, Exmouth – ball hockey game at City Hall – farm tractors to park and block HWY 402 1400-1600 hours; exit at Hwy 40, return to City Hall and disperse.
- **Windsor: Slow Roll** – Ambassador Bridge (unconfirmed)

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- **Hanover-Walkerton: Freedom Convoy** driving circular local loop (1800 hours)

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